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What is claimed and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is as follows:

1. A wound dressing, which includes:
 - (a) wound covering means with a skin contact surface;
 - (b) means for releaseably attaching said wound covering means to a patient in covering relation over a wound;
 - (c) said wound covering means having an opening communicating with the skin contact surface thereof; and
 - (d) tube means fluidically communicating with said skin contact surface through said opening through a proximate end thereof and having a distal end.
2. The dressing according to Claim 1 wherein:
 - (a) said tube means extends through said covering means opening.
- a* ² 3. The dressing according to Claim ¹⁹¹ 2 wherein:
 - (a) said tube proximate end is connected to said covering means at said opening thereof.
4. The dressing according to Claim 1 wherein:
 - (a) said covering means includes an interior portion with said opening; and
 - (b) a perimeter portion surrounding said interior

a 3. The dressing according to Claim ~~4~~¹⁹ wherein:
(a) said fastening means comprises adhesive on said skin contact surface at said perimeter portion.

a 4. The dressing according to Claim ~~4~~¹⁹ wherein:
(a) said wound covering means comprises semi-permeable plastic.

a 5. The dressing according to Claim ~~4~~¹⁹, which includes:
(a) an intermediate material layer adapted for placement between said cover means interior portion and said wound.

6. The dressing according to Claim ~~7~~⁵ wherein:
(a) said intermediate material is hydrocolloid.

7. The dressing according to Claim ~~7~~⁵ wherein:
(a) said intermediate material is nonabsorbant.

8. The dressing according to Claim ~~7~~⁵ wherein:
(a) said intermediate material includes a fibrin coating adapted for contacting the wound.

a 10. The dressing according to Claim ~~1~~¹⁹, which includes:
(a) means for closing said tube means distal end.

11. The dressing according to Claim ~~11~~¹⁰ wherein:
(a) said tube closing means comprises a clip.

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~~13~~. The dressing according to Claim ~~11~~¹⁰, wherein said tube closing means comprises:

- (a) a needle vent adapted for puncturing by an injection needle and adapted for resealing after the withdrawal thereof.

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~~14~~. The dressing according to Claim ~~11~~¹⁰, which includes:
(a) suction means connected to said tube distal end.

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~~15~~. The dressing according to Claim ~~11~~¹⁰ wherein:
(a) said tube proximate end is closed; and
(b) said tube includes an opening in spaced proximity to its proximate end.

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~~16~~. The dressing according to Claim ~~11~~¹⁰, which includes:
(a) introduction means adapted for introducing liquid medication into said tube through its distal end.

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~~17~~. The dressing according to Claim ~~11~~⁵, wherein:
(a) said intermediate material includes a hydrocolloid and a nonabsorbant fabric sheet.

18. A method of dressing a wound surround by unwounded skin, which comprises the steps of:
- (a) applying a covering with a skin contact surface over the wound;
 - (b) releaseably attaching said skin contact surface to said unwounded skin around said wound;
 - (c) providing an opening in an interior portion of said cover material over said wound;
 - (d) fluidically communicating a tube with said opening; and
 - (e) fluidically communicating with said wound through said tube.

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